liability to Rs. 3.12 crores only and in spite of decision of Government no responsibility has been fixed so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that this case was withdrawn from the Bombay High Court through a consent order if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Govenment's attention has been drawn to the news item under the Caption "Finance Ministry's liberal duty exemption to Glaxo", which appeared in the Orissa Times dated 14.12.1992.

(b) to (d) M/s. Hoechst had filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court challenging the computation of tentative liability of Rs. 77.81 crores made by the Government and vide its order dated 8.3.91, the High Court allowed M/s. Hoechst to withdraw the petition and directed the Government to hear the company and pass a speaking order determining the liability of the company.

Pesticides from Neem tree

1992. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chemical fertilisers are not eco-friendly;

(b) whether it is a fact that a leading team of German Researchers have found that pesticides from Neem tree is cheap and eco-friendly for use of targetted pest management;

(c) whether it is also a fact that pesticide from Neem tree has been successfully used in many Asian and Caribbean countries; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to indicate and propagate the extensive use of Neem pesticide in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) It is presumed that the word "fertilizer" in the question refers to "pesticides". By their very nature pesticides are toxic chemicals.

(b) to (d) It is understood that research into the use of neem for pesticide development has been conducted. German Scientists have also been involved. A UNIDO report has mentioned that neem based pesticides are being used in some Asian countries. Formulations of neem as well as neem oil are also available in India.

Appointment of CMD in fact

1993. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FACT Udyogamandal is without a CMD for the last three years;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Finance Director in FACT was selected for the post but could not be appointed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken for the appointment of CMD in the FACT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) has been vacant since 21.3.1990. A candidate was earlier selected for the post but did not join. Subsequently, Public Selection Board should look at a wider finalised its recommendations. It was however, felt that Public Enterprises Selection Board should look at a wider selection of candidates and send their recommendations. The post of CMD, FACT has, therefore, been advertised in leading newspapers.